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Greene, Elizabeth		1664																											<i>MA</i> , XLIX, 217-218, 220, 231, 232-233, 234, 235-236	
Saunders, Rebecca		1692																●		?									PC, DS C, pp. 16-17; <i>MA</i> , VIII, 313, 331, 334; CO5, vol. 714, pp. 85, 96; <i>CSP</i> : CS, XIII, No. 2332	
Allison, Sarah		1699															●												PC, WT 3, pp. 99-100	
Williams, Sarah		1703																											<i>CSP</i> : CS, XXI, No. 914	
Ponder or Powder, Mary		1704															●												PC, TL 3, pp. 429-431 Widow. Might not have been a bastard.	
Butterworth, Judith Also Judith Husbands		1705															●												PC, TB 2, pp. 72, 83-85	
Lake, Jane		1706															●												PC, TB 2, pp. 195, 199-201	
Wallis, Elizabeth or Wellis		1706											●																BB, III, Nos. 232, 233, 234, 235	
Cane, Margaret		1707														●		●											PC, PL 1, pp. 90, 90-91; BB, III, 245, 246	
Britton, Elizabeth ‡	Anne Arundel	30 Sept. 1706	30 Sept. 1706		●	Sept. 1707		†						●			●											●	PC, PL 1, pp. 236, 240-241; not complete here.	
Puckham, Susanna Also Susannah Pinkham ( <i>MA</i> , XXIX, 26)	Somerset	8 Aug. 1711	8 Aug. 1711	●		Oct. 1711	●			●				●	12	●		●	●	●									PC, TP 2, pp. 193, 300-301; CO5, vol. 717, pp. 169, 174, 207, 209; vol. 720, pp. 48, 51, 53, 117, 197, 199; <i>CSP</i> : CS, XXVI, No. 274	
Addison, Jane	Charles	28 July 1711	30 July 1711	●		Apr. 1712	●				●		●													●			Chas, E 2, pp. 2, 7, 50; PC TP 2, pp. 482-485	
Brown, Priscilla		1712															●												PC, TP 2, pp. 576, 583-584	
Tracy, Sarah		1713																●											PC, IO 1, p. 416; VD 1, pp. 18-20 Not a bastard child. She was married. Record very unclear.	
Spurrier, Elizabeth	Talbot	16 June 1713	16 June 1713	●		Oct. 1713	●			●				●	12	<i>f</i>		●			●								PC, IO 1, p. 416; VD 1, pp. 20-21; <i>MA</i> , XXIX, 29, 250-251	
Puckham, Susannah (Mulatto Sue)		1717															●												PC, VD 2, p. 382; VD 3, pp. 75-76	
Rawleson, Anne Also Anne Rawlefin		1723															●												PC, PL 7, pp. 437-438	
Holt, Susanna	Charles	8 Sept. 1734	8 Spt. 1734		●	Sept. 1734 Assizes	●									●				●									CR, 1733-1773, pp. 23-24	
Farr, Joan ‡	Queen Anne's	1 June 1740	1 June 1740	●		Oct. 1740		●	●				●													●			PC, EI 6, pp. 361, 439-440	
Floode, Mary ‡	Queen Anne's	11 July 1741	11 July 1741			Oct. 1741	●				●				12		●					●					●		PC, EI 6, pp. 579-580.	
Showers, Mary ‡	Anne Arundel	26 June 1744	26 June 1744		●	Sept. 1744	●	●	●					●	12	●		●					●						PC, EI 7, pp. 635, 658-659	
Evans, Margaret ‡	Baltimore	23 Aug, 1744	23 Aug, 1744	●		Sept. 1744	●						●																PC, EI 7, pp. 664-665	
Meads, Anne ‡	Prince George's	7 June 1746	7 June 1746			Sept. 1746	●	●	●				●													●			PC, EI 10, pp. 233-234	
Newman, Ann	Anne Arundel		8 July 1746		Ruth	Sept. 1746		●		●			●											3 mos	●				PC, EI 10, p. 234	
Kieves, Catherine ‡	Cecil	15 July 1746	15 July 1746		●	Sept. 1746	●	●	●					●	12	●		●											PC, EI 10, pp. 236-237	

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Bevers, Sarah Also Sarah Beaver		1751																		●										<i>MG</i> , 6 Mar., 10 Apr. 1751; <i>CR</i> , 1733-1773, p. 148
Murphy, Susanna ‡	Cecil	27 Mar. 1752	27 Mar. 1752			Apr. 1752		●	●				●																	PC, EI 14, pp. 238-239
Craig, Mary Ann	Frederick	28 Feb. 1758	28 Feb. 1758	●		Apr. 1758						●		●	12		●									●				PC, BT 3, pp. 271-272
Boone, Margaret	Queen Anne's	1 Apr. 1759	1 Apr. 1759	●		Sept. 1759	●				●		●																	PC, BT 5, p. 226
Reardon, Sarah	Kent	1761					●											●		●										<i>MA</i> , XXXII, 15; <i>BB</i> , IV, 27; <i>IX</i> , 76; <i>MG</i> , 19, 26 Feb., 2 July 1761 Married woman; maybe not a bastard; husband had been gone a long time.
Leatherby, Ann		1776																												QA, 1771-1780, March 1776, no page numbers.

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